

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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A channel frequency allocation pattern deciding method, for which is capable of quickly determining the channel frequency allocation pattern in the process of channel scanning in the cable TV system in the United States, and is employed in a digital broadcast receiving apparatus ~~are provided~~. In the cable TV system, STD, IRC and HRC are used as channel frequency allocation patterns and these channel frequency allocation patterns must be discriminated. Digital channels are generally arranged at frequencies of 550 MHz or higher. Therefore, in the case of executing automatic channel scanning, automatic channel scanning is started at a channel of 550 MHz or higher, thus enabling quick discrimination of the channel frequency allocation patterns and significant reduction in the time required for the entire automatic channel scanning process.